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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KENNEY, MARK PHILLIP

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Request for Reconsideration filed on 8/11/2003.
2. Claims 1-21 remain in the application.

Drawings

As to objections to the drawings, Examiner suggests Applicant could have separate drawing to show the architecture of the invention, and separate drawing to show the flow-chart to show all the steps of the method as describe in Fig. 1. Also, Applicant could have a separate box to describe all the sub-elements of the shown element; for example, the shown element information 118 includes sub-elements instruction 115, number 117, etc. As to Fig. 2, for example step 206, step 206, information 208, and characters 211 point to the same box wherein the step 206 should point to the box, and the text inside the box could include information 118, characters 211. Applicant should apply the suggestions to all the figures.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Broulik et al. (U.S. 6,323,881 B1).

As to claim 1, Broulik teaches (col. 4, line 48 – col. 5, line 34) receiving a first instruction (a request from browser 40) at a server (server30) to execute a target program (telecom application 54) that is unsupported by a server application (server finds ... passes the requests to it), wherein the server application is located on the server (the server 14 ... API; col. 1, lines 42-54), and employing a second instruction (application call) in a supported program (CGI task 44) to cause execution of the target program (the CGI task 44 ... reply data), wherein the second instruction is based on the first instruction (the request has been ... into a CGI request, converts the CGI request into appropriate application call), wherein the supported program is supported by the server application (The HTTP server is supported by common gateway interface tasks; col. 2, line 64 – col. 4, line 7).

As to claim 2, Broulik teaches (col. 5, lines 13-34) selecting at least one of the target program (telecom application 54) and the supported program (the server 30 finds the appropriate session CGI task 44) to comprise a program that is located on the server.

As to claim 3, Broulik teaches initiating an execution of the target program on the server (the CGI task 44 converts ... reply data; col. 5, lines 25-34 and Fig. 3).

As to claim 5, Broulik teaches determining an output of the target program, and sending the output to the supported program (If the request is a command ... gets the application reply data; col. 5, lines 25-34).

As to claim 6, Broulik teaches selecting the supported program to comprise a common gateway interface program (the server 30 finds the ... CGI task 44; col. 5, lines 12-16).

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As to claim 7, Broulik teaches modifying the first instruction to obtain the second instruction (the CGI task 44 converts the CGI request into appropriate application call; col. 5, lines 25-34).

As to claims 8 and 15, they correspond to the method claim of claim 1 except they are a system and an article claims, respectively.

As to claims 9-10 and 16-17, see rejections of claims 2-3 above.

As to claims 12-14 and 19-21, see rejections of claims 5-7 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 4, 11, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broulik et al. (U.S. 6,323,881 B1).

As to claim 4, although Broulik does not explicitly teach employing the supported program to determine an input for the target program, and sending the input to the target program. Broulik teaches a command request is converted into an appropriate application call by a CGI task, and the telecom application is executed and resulted are returned to the CGI task. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the input for the target program is known by the CGI task in order to invoke the target application.

As to claims 11 and 18, see rejection of claim 4 above.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 8/11/2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As to Applicant's arguments (page 5, line 1- page 6, line 23) that Broulik does not teach the limitation "employing a second instruction ... by the server application", examiner respectfully disagrees because Broulik clearly teaches the limitation as set forth in the rejection of claim 1. Broulik teaches the CGI task receipts the request from the server application, and determines if the request is the command request then converts the CGI request into appropriate application call, which is the second instruction, and invoke the target application (telecom application). Applicant simply argues without giving any reasons or explanations why the cited passages does not teach the limitation. Thus, the arguments are not persuasive.

As to Applicant's arguments (page 8, line 18 – page 10, line 20) regarding the obviousness is not demonstrated and therefore the claims 4, 11 and 18 are allowable, examiner respectfully disagrees because Broulik teaches the CGI task converts the CGI request into application call. One of ordinary skill in the art would know that a call to application might contain inputs for application, for example, supplied arguments. Thus, the CGI task would need to determine any arguments to the application is provided in order to translate them and send to the target application. Therefore, the arguments are not persuasive.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diem K Cao whose telephone number is (703) 305-5220. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-6296 for regular communications and (703) 305-9731 for After Final communications.

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October 3, 2003

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